

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

**BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS:
SUPPORTING PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
THROUGH LICENSING RULES**

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SEPARATE AND DISTINCT LICENSING

Behavioral Health Licensing

- State Statutes
- A.A.C. Title 9, Chapter 20
- AHCCCS Certification
- **Focus-Behavioral Health Services**

Medical Facilities Licensing

- State Statutes
- A.A.C. Title 9, Chapter 10 Article 1
- Federal Conditions of Participation
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SEPARATE AND DISTINCT

- Separate licensing staff
- Survey process varies
- Incident reporting requirements differ
- Limited information sharing
 - Consent and privacy laws
 - Restriction of sharing of clinical information
- Co-locating unacceptable within the same licensed space
- Mutually exclusive licensing processes
 - Duplication of application process
 - Duplication of documentation

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- Establishing training and protocols related to each others requirements
- Cross-training to allow for informed surveys and investigations
- Co-locating with separate premises
- Transitioning the physical files
- Working to streamline licensing processes
- Providing technical assistance within the program and to providers

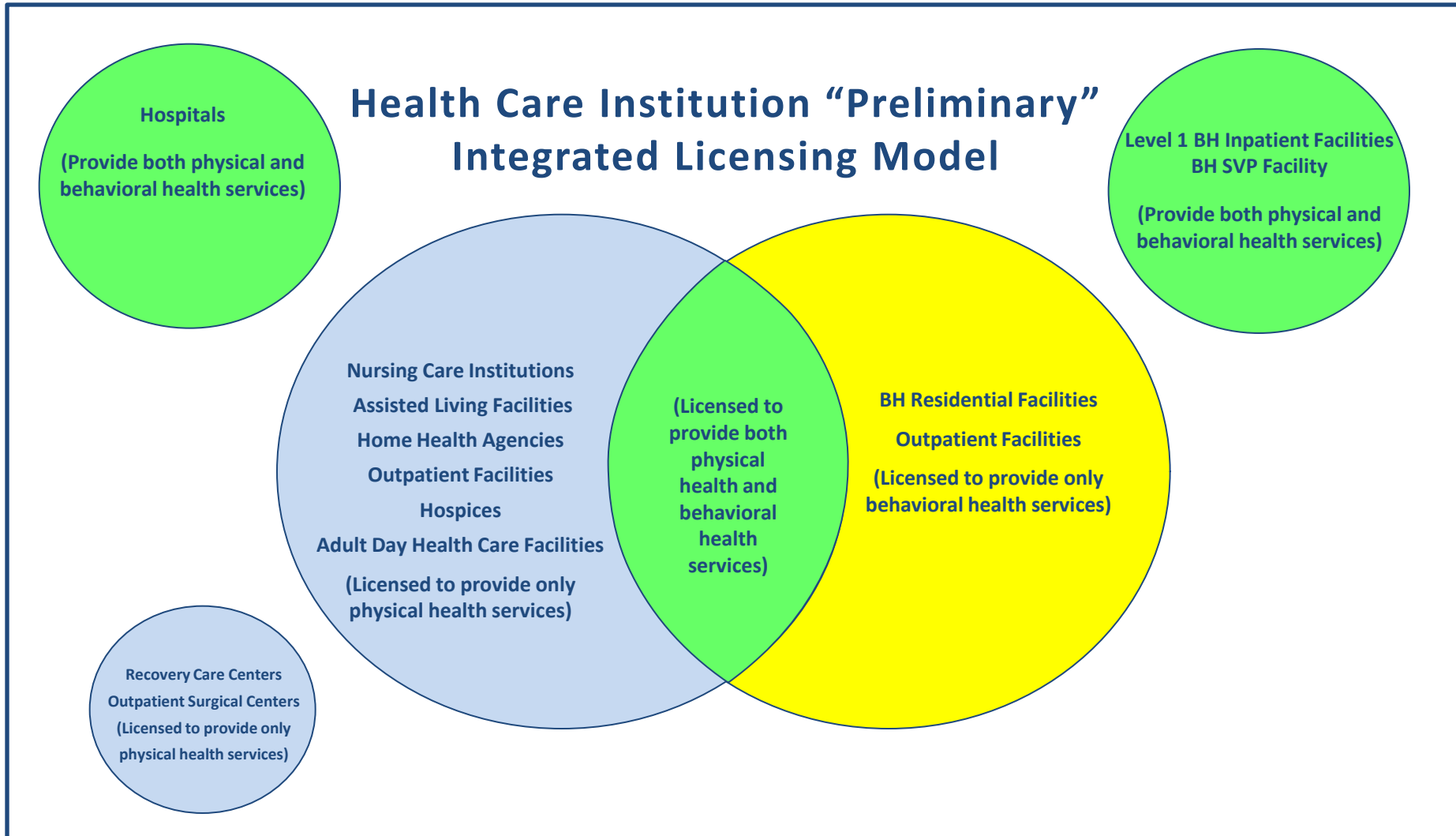
Law 2011, Chapter 96 (House Bill 2634) Highlights

- On or before July 1, 2013
- Reduce monetary or regulatory costs on persons or individuals
- Streamline the regulation process
- Facilitate licensure of integrated health programs that provide both behavioral and physical health services
- Provide public notice and an opportunity for public comment on proposed rules

The Plan

- The Department plans to move requirements in 9 A.A.C. 20 for behavioral health service agencies that are health care institutions to 9 A.A.C. 10.
- The new articles and rules in 9 A.A.C. 10 will:
 - Focus on health and safety
 - Remove prescriptive requirements for behavioral health services
 - Reduce regulatory costs
 - Streamline the regulatory process
 - Address inpatient, residential, and outpatient behavioral health services settings
 - Integrate behavioral and physical health services

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EXAMPLE ARTICLE—POSSIBLE SECTIONS AND CONTENT

Chapter 10. Health Care Institutions: Licensing

Article 3. Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities

(For Level 1 residential treatment center and Level 1 sub-acute)

- R9-10-301. Definitions
- R9-10-302. Administration
- R9-10-303. Quality Management
- R9-10-304. Contracted Services
- R9-10-305. Personnel and Staffing
- R9-10-306. Patient Admission, Discharge, Transfer
- R9-10-307. Patient Rights
- R9-10-308. Patient Records
- R9-10-309. Physical Health Services
- R9-10-310. Behavioral Health Services
- R9-10-311. Medications
- R9-10-312. Food Service
- R9-10-313. Physical Plant
- R9-10-314. Fire and Safety
- R9-10-315. Environmental

How You Can Participate in the Rulemaking Process

- Check Department website on a regular basis for ongoing rulemaking activities
- Review draft rules
- Review work group meeting notes
- Submit comments using Survey Monkey

THANK YOU!

Please visit our website at:

www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/index.htm

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